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FATAL CLASH OCCURS BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND JAPS IN SIBERIA GERMANY NOW REPORTED TO BE PREPARING WAY FOR NEW PEACE OFFER

RUSSIAN CONGRESS APPLAUDS MESSAGE OF U. S. PRESIDENT

Follows Its Reading by Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation.

A HOPEFUL REPLY.

Looks Toward Socialistic State of Society Sometime In Future.

Moscow, Thursday, March 14 .-- A is of the Bolsheviki, while favoring a signing of the German peace treaty, has resolved to approve the se of the peace delegation of the icil of people's commissaries. The caucus also condemns the German peace terms and declared it was esary to restore order and organ-

pathy to the Russian people was received with marked applause when it was read tonight at the opening session of the All-Russian Congress of Soviets. The congress immediately dopted a resolution of appreciation The resolution reads: "The All-Russian Congress of Soviets expresses its appreciation to the American people and first of all the laboring and exploited classes in the United States for the message sent by President Wilson to the congress of soviets in this time when theRussia n socialist Soviet republic is living thru most difficult trials.

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The contrast is being held in the speech of the gracetors, which was guaranteed by natural right: and treaties, we retterate our ardent and sympathetic admiration."

The reference to the French-Canadians of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta claims they have been oppressed.

The congress is being held in the splendid banquet hall of the Nobility Club, where former emperors often were entertained. Soldiers, sailors and peasants formed a majority of the 1,864 delegates present. M. Sverdloff, chairman of the central executive committee of the congress, presided. The Bolshevik members number 732 and there are 38 Social Revolutionists of the Left.

Premier Lenine made the principal Borden.

Alberta claims they have been oppressed by iniquitous school legislation, but have never ceased to strongly protest against the spoliation of their inalienable rights."

JOHN T. ROSS DEAD.

St. John, N.B., March 16.—John T. Ross, K.C., of Halifax, died here today after a long illness He was formerly a law partner of Sir Robert Borden.

Premier Lenine made the principal ech and received a great ovation. reviewed the history of the revolution and emphasized the necessity of signing a peace treaty. M. Tchitcherin, the acting foreign management of the revolution and emphasized the necessity of butter butte in, the acting foreign minister, read the peace terms. t was decided that peace should be considered first, and after that the permanent removal of the capital from Petrograd and the election of a new central executive Will Be Confiscated Unless while defending their property against

Strong forces of guards were about the hall, but there were no attempts at disorder. Moscow is quiet, Bolshe-vik control apparently being absolute

CRITICAL STAGE OF WAR NOW HERE

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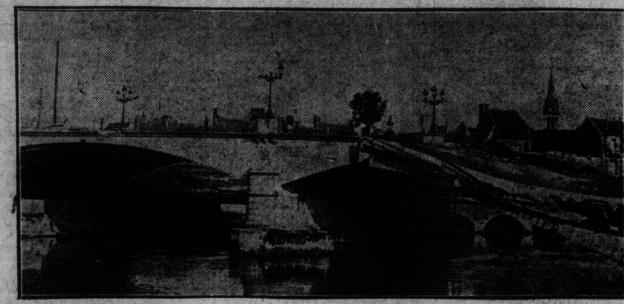
London, Thursday, March 14-(Delayed). — The most critical stage of Thursday. the whole history of the war has been Henderson, secretary of the Labor larty. Speaking in London at a

"I have been imagining during the "I have been imagining during the last few days, having regard to what has taken place in Russia, that some German emissary might come along and say. 'Why do we fight; why cannot we settle it? We are prepared to come to a compromise with you regarding colonies and we are prepared to make considerable concess."

In withholding bunker licenses to other Dutch ships the American Government intends to take no chances on some of them getting to Dutch ports and thus escaping the requisition. License was denied yesterday to the Dutch steamer Ophis, which pared to make considerable conces-

sions to France with reference to Alsace-Lorraine. "That would be a cynical peace, ontaining the seeds of future war. It would not be a clean peace and it would not be an honorable would be the desertion of Russia and the women of this country must

stand against it like flint. "We are anxious for peace and the sooner it comes the better, but let me say it must be a peace consistent with the ideals for which we entered the war. No one deplores more than the collapse of Russia, but I believe that does not represent a ma-



The Hun is determined to make it as difficult as possible for the allies to advance against them at any point on the western front. The destruction of bridges is a regular means of holding up attacks. This bridge is near Soissons and was destroyed in anticipation of a French drive against the German lines.

Property From the Bolsheviki.

Amur province, according to a report

printed in the newspaper Hochi

Shimbum, Friday, and forwarded by

A despatch from Tientsin, China,

gold mines in the district.

No Troops Sent.

London, March 16.—In reply to

ALLIES PROTEST

and American Citizens

Now Held.

Stockholm, March 15 .-- An attache

of the American legation left today

for Finland carrying a formal protest from Minister Morris to General

Mannerheim, commander of the gov-ernment forces, against the arrest by

Germans on the Aland Islands of Henry Crosby Emery. Demand is made that the Finnish Government obtain the release of Mr. Emery.

The American attache was accom-panied by a member of the British

legation conveying a similar protest and demand regarding the arrest of

taken to Dantzig, Germany,

Reuter's Limited.

the Bolsheviki.

GERMANS CAPTURE SHIPS FOR AFTER WAR USE

London, March 16.—A number of large Swedish trawlers and one of the largest Gothenburg steamers have been captured by German submarines off the Skaw, the northern extremity of Jutland, Denmark, and forced to go to Germany, according to a report printed by the Gothenburg Shipping Gazette, and forwarded from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Sympathy for Compratiots ebec French-Canadians Sorrow Greatly for Troubles of Those in Ortario.

Montreal, March 16.-The sympathy nd encouragement of the delegates t a convention of St. Jean Baptiste Societies for the French-Canadians in Ontario and the west was expressed in

merly a law partner of Sir Robert Borden

IN ALLIED PORTS

Holland Agrees to Turn

Them Oer.

Blagevischtchensk is on the Amur River, near its confluence with the Keya, and is opposite the Manchurian town of Aigun. It is 500 miles north of Harbin and has a population of two steamers the United sold mines in the district States is holding all Dutch ships now in American ports to prevent their escape pending probable requisition question in the diet yesterday, the Monday. No tunker licenses will be issued for their sailing, it was learned today until they are taken over British Labor Leader Tells ed today, until they are taken over, vailing between North and South either by commandeering or by ne-

gotiation.
The fact that the United States and Great Britain had determined to seize all Dutch ships in their ports Monday unless Holland agreed before that time to turn them over under a volunstance of the seize as untrue a report that a small brody of entente troops had been despatched towards Siberia. tary agreement was made

The two ships which will be perreached, in the opinion of Arthur mitted to sail are the Nieuw Amsterdam, which will take a cargo of foodstuffs and a number of passenwoman suffragist celebration today, Oranje, which will take a party of Dutch colonial officials from an American Pacific port to the Dutch East

> tion. License was denied yesterday to the Dutch steamer Ophis, which wanted to sail from one American Pacific coast port to another.

RESOLUTION NOT TIMELY.

Victoria, B. C., March 16.-W. J Bowser, leader of the opposition in the legislature, yesterday argued that a resolution dealing with Canadian Northern undertakings in British Columbia was not timely. The resolution would have the legislature present to the Dominion Government that before there is a payment of any moneys under the award to be decided on rejorky of the Russian people. The garding the price the federal author-Russian people were very anxious for ities will pay for Canadian Northern peecs. I am anxious for peace, but never in any speech that I have made complete its undertakings in this proor in any suggestion that I made privince. Such a resolution, he convately have I committed myself to tended, in this time of war financing which decided to take the matters a position similar to that in Russia.

"By all means let us try for peace, a peace based upon international justice and that only."

which decided to take the matter straight to General Mannerheim, who will have a chance to show whether the program of the Unionist Government.

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THE UNION CABINET

is Preponderantly Made Up of Lawyers and Lawyers Have Been Pro-Corporationist.

Ottawa, March 16.—There is less talk of immediate reconstruction of the ministry. The one vacant seat is that of inland revenue, resigned by Mr. Sevigny, who failed to carry his seat in Que bec. What attracts most attention about the cabinet is its strength in lawyers and lightness in recognized friends of public ownership. Here is the division

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	Guthrie (not in cabinet)	
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Lawyers in cabinet, 13, in ministry, one A total of 14. Laymen in cab-

It is harder to line up the cabinet on public ownership and public rights as against the interests and corporations. But lawyers in the Canadian Parliament have been overwhelmingly for the interests. Sir Robert Borden, Sir Thomas White and Messrs. Doherty and Crothers have all good records in fighting for public rights. Messrs. Reid, Foster, Kemp, three laymen, the same. Mr. Crerar, tho new to parliament, is pronounced for public rights and public ownership of railways. And there may be others. The public will watch how any cabinet reconstruction and new legisla-JAP HOMES ATTACKED Three Killed While Defending London, March 16 .- Maximalists in others. The public will watch how any Siberia have murdered 150 Japanese cabinet reconstruction and new legisla at Blagevischtchensk, capital of the tion will clear the air in these respects.

'TIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY

to The Daily Mail, says that the Jap-Was St. Patrick an Irishman? matters little what he was born, but as anese embassy at Peking has been informed that during recent disturboon as he came to his senses he is ances at Blagevischtchensk three Japnown to have preferred Ireland to all other countries and spent the rest of his life there. anese were killed and seven wounded

"Sucat," was born at Dumbarton, on the West coast of Scotland in the year 273. During a raid in 289 he was captured and taken to the north of Ire-land, where he was kept for six years. At the end of that time he escaped and made his way to France, where he lived for some time. Several years later he was made bishop and returned as a missionary to Ireland, landing at Strangford Lough. He proceeded to convert Uister, founding his first setlement near Armagh, which became the seat of the primacy. St. Patrick took the sharnrock as the emblem of the trinity and sanctified it, and it China, was the source of serious concern for Japan, but Japan would take no steps in the way of has been used ever since as the national flower of Ireland along with St.

Patrick as the patron saint. Shamrocks! The little green trefol! has blossome in almost every window in Toronto during the past week, that is, when the real article was not obtainable, its replica in tissue paper and carboard was very prominent. Win-dew lecorators could not pass by the fresh little reminder of old Erin, and **AGAINST ARRESTS** he 17th of March was heralded by its presence in many ways. Even candy shamrocks appeared, altho it was Demand Release of British green than Irish green about some of

> And did you see the wee flags? Sure, the harp of Erin was never flaunted so brazenly to the breezes as it was last week. The Irish have two flags, one of which they have united with those of England and Scotland to form the Union Jack. That is the flag of St. Patrick, the red diagonal cross on the white ground. But the real green flag of the ould sod, the flag with the harp in the centre, remains still the flag that the Irishman claims as his very own, united with no other appointed commander of the state of the Aland Islands, according to the Aland Isl

Canada's Oldest Person Takes An Interest in War's Progress

16 British subjects in the same party with Mr. Emery, all of whom were taken aboard a German steamer and Minister Morris did not wait for instructions from Washington, but called a conference of entente ministers

DUTCH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS DEMAND OF THE ALLIES

Amsterdam, March 16.—The Associated Press hears on excellent authority that the Dutch Government has accepted the demand of the allied governments relating to the use of Dutch ships in the danger zone.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

ASSURED IN U. S.

Bill Successfully Passes Final

Legislative Stage By

Large Majority.

Washington, March 16 .- The day ight saving bill went thru the last

legislative stage when it passed the

millions of dollars will be saved in

uel in the seven months. during which

period the standard time shall be ad-

Western war theatre-Front of

Crown Prince Rupprecht: During the evening and at night, the British

Army group of the German Crown

Prince General von Gallwitz and Duke Albrecht: Near Rheims, on both banks of the Meuse, and on the

Lorraine front, near Mulbach and Blament, the artillery fighting was

A New General.

This is the first time that the name

commander of an army group on the

It may include the sectors held by

Gen, von Gallwitz in the early part

of the war was on the eastern front.
He took part in the German drive thru Poland and later in the campaign in Serbia. Late last year news despatches reported that he was in command of the Verdun front under

Owned By A. A. Sutherland.

OWNERS ESCAPE INJURY

Sleeping Apartments of Men Caught and Burned Quickly.

Quickly.

Truro, N.S., March 16.—Twenty people were burned to death when the lumber camp of A. A. Sutherland at Alvin Siding, N. S., was destroyed by fire last night. Two men were badly burned and were taken to the Aberdeen Hospital at New Glasgow.

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The bill provides that at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of March of each year the standard time in each of the standard time of each zone shall be retarded an hour. The effect of this is standard time of each zone shall be retarded an hour. The effect of this is standard time of each zone shall be retarded an hour and at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October the standard time of each zone shall be retarded an hour. The effect of this is to start all business activities an hour to start all business activities an hour to start all business activities and out to start all business activ

Franco-Belgian front were active during the evening yesterday and also at night, notably in the region running south from Arras, as far as St. Quentin, army headquarters said today. The text of the statement reads:

AUSTRIANS QUARREL ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Members of Lower House Get Into Scuffle Over Matter of Food Control.

were very active, especially between Arras and St. Quentin. Great losses were caused among the population of Menin and Halluin (southeast of Ypres), situated behind our front, by the enemy's fire and dropping of bombs. Copenhagen, March 16.-Czech and German members of the lower house of the Austrian Parliament engaged in a wild scuffle in which several were injured Thursday during a speech by St. Patrick, whose real name was the Czech deputy, Soukop, according to a Vienna despatch to The Hamburger Fremdenblatt. The disturbance tecame so serious that the chairman

Deputy Soukop complained that Prague, the capital of Bohernia, had been for several days without food een for several days without food, German member, jumped to his feet of Gen. von Gallwitz has been menand shouted, "The Czechs have not tioned in official German reports as given out proper quantitles of food. The Czechs will starve us. They are the allies of the British." The German deputy's harangue was interrupted by Denuty Rydiezis, a Czech, who threw him to the floor. The tumult thus begun soon spread thruout the house.

TROUBLE REPORTED

Fresh Disorders Reported on Ships Lying Off Aland Islands.

Petrograd, March 16.-Fresh disorders have occurred in the German the crown prince.

has been appointed commander of Odessa. Before the occupation of Odessa by the German anti-Jewish

dots occurred there.

German authorities have annou

A NEW PEACE OFFER TO ALLIED POWERS

Washington Says Germany May Propose New Terms At Russia's Expense.

TO GIVE WAY IN WEST

Would Sacrifice Some of Her Claims In Alsace-Lorraine.

Washington, March 16.-Inferences that Germany may have made a new

vanced one hour. It will not be necessary, it was pointed out by speak ers in the house, to have lights burning in factories and places of em-

Considerable Activity Reported All Along the Franco-Belgian Front.

Berlin. March 16—(Via London, March 16)—The British forces on the Franco-Belgian front were active during the evening vesterday and also at night, notably in the region running south from Arras, as far as St. Ouentin agray headquarters said

Consequently German officials contend that her supply of ore must logically come from the fields of Longcy and Bricy, assuring ore for a century, unless it is to come from somewhere else. Insurance as the officers where else. Inasmuch as the allies are pledged by repeated declarations to the restoration of France, diplomats see in proposed permanent acquisition of mineral belts in the Russian are restorated. sian provinces, Germany's last he of remaining a military power.

EXPORTS CONTINUE TO SHOW INCREASE

Tremendous Quantities of Food Are Being Sent to Europe.

SCARCITY EXPLAINED

western front. When Field Marana; von Hindenburg assumed supreme command he divided the western front into commands under Prince Rupprecht, the German crown prince and Duke Albrecht. The front of Gen. von Gallwitz apparently is between Verdun and the German bor-Butter Shipments Eight Times As Great as Last It may include the sectors held by the American troops, altho at the present time they are not extensive enough to be opposed by a special German command, unless some unusual operations are under way, Recent despatches from the American front have indicated that there was great activity behind the German lines. Year.

Ottawa, March 16 -- A tremendous increase in exports of Canadian produce in February. 1918, as compared

with February, 1917, is shown in fig-ures prepared by the customs depart-ment for the cost of living branch of the department of labor.

The exports of butter in February of this year as compared with February, 1917, have increased from about 50,000 pounds to 400,000 pounds; of cheese, from 3,600,000, pounds to about five million pounds; eggs, from 95,000 to 134,000 dozen; beef, from one and a half million to ten and a million pounds; bacon and ham, from 15,600,000 pounds to 16,150,000. The export of fresh, frozen and pickled pork alone shows a decrease. In February, 1917, there were exported 960,000 pounds, this year only 113,000 pounds. This is largely due to the

fact that pork is converted into bacon or ham for export. The increase in export of Canadian pork is, however, very much greater this year, as the import of pork, which comes chiefly from the United

Finnish Officials in Berlin The Hague, March 16 .- Judge Svin-

hufvud, president of the Flinnish Gov-ernment, arrived in Berlin yesterday, acompanied by eight other members after an adventurous flight from Helsingfors, where he and his companions had been held captive by the red They managed to deceive the pri-

Who is the oldest person in Candada? Mrs. Susan Maxwell, of Richmond Hill, claims the record, and no one has appeared to say her nay. She was just 115 years old on Friday, and has been a resident of Richmond Hill for 85 years. Her hobby is the war. She watches the daily progress of the great struggle with the utmost attention and takes more than a passing interest in its many sidelights.

that German commissions with the power of veto will be appointed to the Russian ministries to control the full-fill the power of veto will be appointed to the power of veto will be appointed to the power of veto will be appointed to the Russian ministries to control the full-fill the power of veto will be appointed to the Russian ministries to control the full-fill the power of veto will be appointed to the Russian ministries to control the full-fill the steamer was in the open sea he and his friends emerged from their hiding places, overwhelmed the men on deck and then made the captain and the rest of the crew prisoners in the bunks, where they kept them until they consented to change the course of the pounds in February, 1918, was only states, in February, 1918, was only of pounds in February of last year. The imports of the and his friends emerged from their hiding places, overwhelmed the men on deck and then made the captain and the rest of the crew prisoners in their bunks, where they condition the united themselves.

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